

**ANNUAL REPORT TO  
THE CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS  
OF NATIONAL LIBRARIANS (CDNL)  
2012- 2013**

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With its efforts in the field of librarianship the National Library of Turkey is pioneering the libraries in the country. Adapted by the National Library, international library practices are expanding across the country. The National Library has already become a school for librarians.

**COLLECTION (AS OF THE END OF JUNE 2012)**

The National Library of Turkey has a collection of 3.095.729 units consisting of books, periodicals and non-book materials. The number of books in the library is 1.316.133 volumes, while the periodicals collection contains 1.479.631 volumes. The total number of non-book material such as maps, posters, musical notes, sound recordings and pictures is 215.898 and that of rare titles and valuable manuscripts is 27.479. The total number of Old Turkish books is 56.588.

**Publishing activities:**

In accordance with the "Establishment Law of the National Library of Turkey" dated May 18, 1955; NLT publishes National Bibliographies, union catalogues and special bibliographies. The Turkish National Bibliography and The Turkish Bibliography of Articles are now available in digital form and online (<http://eyayinlar.mkutup.gov.tr>) accessible in PDF form.

**Scientific, cultural and artistic conventions and exhibitions:**

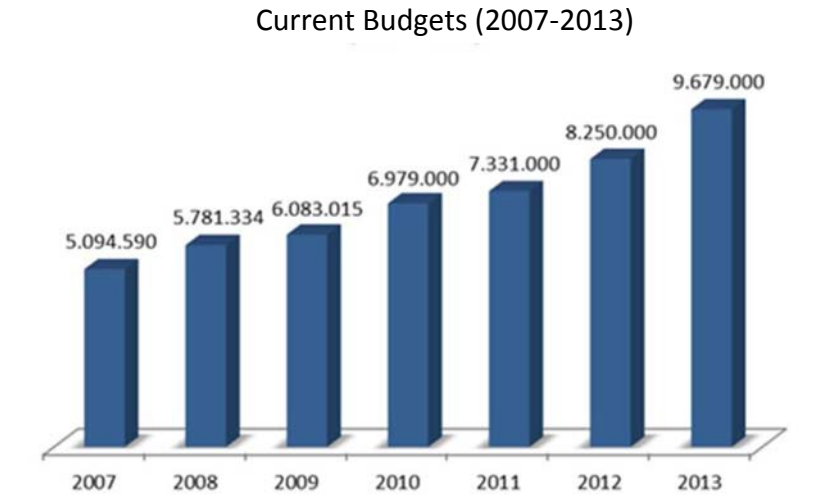
NLT organizes exhibitions and events on different topics and hosts many events

**Conservation and restoration of rare books:**

Qualified personnel carry out maintenance and repair activities in the restoration lab of NLT. During the first six month of 2013 four manuscripts and 262 rare printed materials including 170 posters are repaired. In 2012 totally 12 manuscripts and 104 rare printed materials are repaired.

## BUDGET

The total budget of the NLT for 2013 is 17,679,000TL (6,993,184.74EUR). Within the total budget the released amount during the first six months of fiscal year 2013 was 10,992,220TL (4,349,517EUR).



## STAFFING MATTERS

Currently, 215 staff (50 of them seasonal) including 20 librarians, 16 experts and 2 assistant experts on different subjects are employed in the National Library.

## CONSERVATION/PRESERVATION OF COLLECTIONS

From July 2012 to June 2013; 6 manuscripts, six rare books, 25 books, 15 rare periodicals, 415 rare posters, and six non-book materials were repaired at the laboratory.

## OUR PROJECTS

- *Transferring Manuscripts and Periodicals Collections of the National Library into the microform environment*
- *Digitization of the Periodical Collection of the National Library of Turkey/ Periodicals Information System (PIS)*
- *Computer Installation and Software Project*
- *Digitization of Non-book Materials*
- *Talking Library*
- *The European Library*
- *Access IT Project [Speeding up the Cultural Circulation through Varying Skills of Knowledge Technologies]*
- *European Newspapers Project,*

will continue until all work is finished.

Works about draft *directive on the legal deposit of electronic publications* continues.

## **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

NLT took part in a number of national and international events during last six month of 2012 (29 events) and first six month of 2013 (59 events), for example jointly organized conferences, concerts and exhibitions such as *Celebrating the 200th birthday of Mirza Fath Ali Akhundzadeh Together with the International Organization of Turkic Culture (TURKSOY) which organizes international events to promote Turkic culture and transmit it to future generations held the closing event of “2012 the Year of Mirza Fatali Ahundzade”.*, *Mirza Fatali Ahundzade was commemorated on the 200th anniversary of his birthday with a panel discussion and a film on his life “Sübhün Sefiri” (Messenger of the Morning) 17.12.2012.*

*“A Romanian Cultural evening to Celebrate 135 Years of Romanian-Turkish Diplomatic Relations with a Concert of international and Romanian classical music by “Transylvanian String Quartet Exhibition and a Photo Gallery “Portraits of People” presented by the National Village Museum of Romania. 30 May 2013*

### **National and International Partnership**

The NLT works with university and public libraries across the country and sends them yearly published Bibliographies and Dewey on demand as well as to the libraries, institutes of oriental studies and information centers abroad.